Inter-State network of arms in Tamil Nadu

2328. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that investigations in catches of sophisticated arms, including rockets and rocket launchers, has led to unearthing of an inter-State network, operating from Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, the details of arms seized and the findings of investigations therein; and

(c) the details of steps taken by Government to prevent manufacture and supply of illegal arms?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) and (b) The Government of Andhra Pradesh is investigating into the seizure of 875 rockets and 43 rocket launchers seized from Kranthi Transport at Achampet of Mahabubnagar district and Giddalur of Prakasam district on 7/8.9.06. Investigation has so far revealed that CPI (Maoist) had got Manufactured these rockets and rocket launcers in seven lathe workshop foundries at Chennai through Thota Kumara Swamy @ Madhu, a native of Warangal district of Andhra Pradesh. In this case, 2 persons have been arrested in Kedapa, while Thota Kumara Swamy @ Madhu, the Kingpin and his wife Sudha Rani surrendered to Warangal Police of Andhra Pradesh on 16.10.2006 and were later arrested by Mahabubnagar Police. The Tamil Nadu Police also arrested 7 persons who manufactured rockets and rocket launchers in their foundries.

(c) The State Government have been advised to take all steps to check the illegal manufacturing of rockets and rocket launchers and ensure strict enforcement of the provisions of the Arms and Explosives Acts and Rules and existing instructions issued in this behalf.

Probe by AP Police regarding freedom Fighters pension

2329. SHRI M.V. MYSURA REDDY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Andhra Pradesh Government has asked its